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## **STEENS MOUNTAIN ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETS JANUARY 31, FEBRUARY 1**

**HINES, Oregon** – The next Steens Mountain Advisory Council (SMAC) meeting is set for Thursday and Friday, January 31 and February 1, at 8:00 a.m., at the Bureau of Land Management Burns District Office in Hines, Oregon.

Tentative agenda items for the 2-day meeting include a Designated Federal Official's update, the Andrews Resource Area Field Manager's report, information sharing on the South Steens Water Development Environmental Assessment and easements and acquisitions within the Steens Mountain Cooperative Management and Protection Area, progress on the science strategy, North Steens Ecosystem Restoration Project implementation, and progress on the Steens Mountain Comprehensive Recreation Plan. Any other matters that may reasonably come before the SMAC throughout the meeting may also be addressed.

The public is welcome to attend all portions of the meeting and may contribute during the public comment period at 11:00 a.m. each day. Those who verbally address the SMAC during the open session are asked to also provide a written statement of their comments or presentation. Unless otherwise approved by the SMAC Chair, the public comment period will last no longer than 30 minutes, and each speaker may address the SMAC for a maximum of 5 minutes. Time for SMAC members to address speakers will be allotted at the end of each public comment period.

If you have information you would like distributed to SMAC members, please send it to Kevin Thissell at the Burns District Office, 28910 Hwy 20 West, Hines, Oregon 97738, prior to the start of the meeting. If you send information or general correspondence to anyone at the Burns District Office and would like a copy given to the SMAC, please write "COPY TO SMAC" on the envelope and enclosed document(s).

For further information on the SMAC or the upcoming meeting, contact Kevin Thissell at the Burns District Office at (541) 573-4400, weekdays between 7:45 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

